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In re Application of:

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For: AUTOMATED IMAGING AND  
HARVESTING OF COLONIES ON  
THIN FILM CULTURE DEVICES

Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

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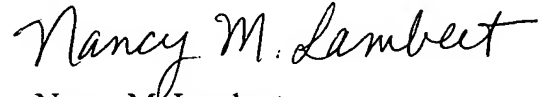
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Applicants request that the foregoing be considered by the Examiner in regard to the present application, and that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed form PTO-FB-A820.

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